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SUBJECT: PRC EMBASSY PERSONNEL SHIFTS

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1. PRESS REPORTS CONFIRMED BY FONOFF STATE THAT DCM MI KUO-CHUN AND POLCOUNS LI LIEN-CHING (THIRD RANKED IN EMBASSY) RECALLED TO PEKING IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR CHEN CHU (REFTEL). MI LEAVES DECEMBER 17, CHEN ON DECEMBER 22 AND LI AT SOME TIME SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

2. MEMBERS OF ANALYTICAL COMMUNITY IN TOKYO AGREE THAT VIRTUAL DECAPITATION OF CHINESE EMBASSY MOST UNUSUAL AND DOUBTLESS TIED TO PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY CHAKEUP FOLLOWING PURGE OF CHIAO KUAN-HUA. FONOFF INCLINED TO BELIEVE AMBASSADOR CHEN IN NO TROUBLE DESPITE RUMORS HE LINKED
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TO CHIANG CHING. CHINA DIVDEPDIR IKEDA TOLD EMBOFF THAT DURING FAREWELL CALL ON PRIMIN MIKI DECEMBER 16 CHEN SAID HE WOULD BE GETTING NEW AMBASSADORIAL POST. NIHIN KEIZAI DECEMBER 17 REPORTED CHEN AS SAYING HE MIGHT REPLACE HUANG HUA AT UN.

3. CASES OF MI AND LI UNCLEAR. WITH EXCEPTION OF MI
REMARK TO CHINA DIRECTION FUJITA THAT HE NOT IN LINE FOR
JOB OF AMBASSADORIAL RANK, NEITHER HAVE SAID ANYTHING
ABOUT FUTURE ASSIGNMENTS. NEWS OF LI'S MOVE HAS BEEN
PARTICULARLY SUDDEN. AT VICE MINISTER SATO'S LUNCH FOR
CHEN AND MI DECEMBER 9, LI SAID WITH SOME SATISFACTION
HE WOULD BE NAMED AS CHARGE IN TOKYO. ON 13TH HE CALLED
ON ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR NAKAE TO ANNOUNCE (SADLY,
NAKAE THOUGHT) HIS DEPARTURE.
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